

ABOUT MOTTS RUN RESERVOIR

This 860-acre park was opened in 1974, three years after the completion of the reservoir, and since that time it has seen many changes. In 2000, a water treatment facility was completed near the dam to serve the City of Fredericksburg and parts of Spotsylvania County. In 2004, our lovely log cabin nature center was finished. 2020 marked the completion of the mountain biking trails encircling the reservoir, courtesy of FredTrails. Motts Run continues to provide recreational opportunities for fishermen and boaters, as well as habitat for waterfowl and a host of other wildlife. Over 17 miles of hiking and biking trails encourage exploration of the surrounding forest.

TREES ALONG THE TRAIL

See how many you can identify!

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| ___ Virginia Pine | ___ Loblolly Pine |
| ___ Eastern Red Cedar | ___ Sweetgum |
| ___ Tulip Poplar | ___ Black Gum |
| ___ Alder | ___ E. Cottonwood |
| ___ American Beech | ___ Mockernut Hickory |
| ___ Northern Red Oak | ___ Southern Red Oak |
| ___ Chestnut Oak | ___ Post Oak |
| ___ Scarlet Oak | ___ Willow Oak |
| ___ White Oak | ___ Sycamore |
| ___ American Holly | ___ Wild Black Cherry |
| ___ Red Maple | ___ E. Redbud |
| ___ Am. Hornbeam | ___ White Ash |
| ___ Flowering | ___ Other _____ |
| ___ Dogwood | |

BIRDING CHECKLIST

Check off birds identified by sight or sound.

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| ___ Bald Eagle | ___ Red-tailed Hawk |
| ___ Northern Cardinal | ___ Belted Kingfisher |
| ___ Canada Goose | ___ Red Bellied |
| ___ Wood Duck | ___ Woodpecker |
| ___ Mourning Dove | ___ Downy |
| ___ Ruby Throated | ___ Woodpecker |
| ___ Hummingbird | ___ Pileated |
| ___ Great Blue Heron | ___ Woodpecker |
| ___ Black Vulture | ___ Blue Jay |
| ___ Turkey Vulture | ___ N. Mockingbird |
| ___ Osprey | ___ Other _____ |

WILDLIFE

Wetland vegetation rimming the 6.5 mile shoreline provides a breeding ground for spring peepers and American Toads, dragonflies and mayflies, which in turn become food for bluegill and bass. Great blue herons, kingfishers, and osprey prey on the aquatic life while beavers make use of the sweetgum, oak, and pine growing along the banks for their numerous stick and mud bank lodges. Further upland, the hardwood forest of oak, hickory, and beech provides food and shelter for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, raccoon, and the great-horned owl. Flowering mountain laurel and dogwood brighten the spring woodland while black gum and red maple set the autumn woods on fire.



HIKING & BIKING HINTS

- Hike or bike with a buddy, especially if it is your first time.
- Carry water in hot weather.
- Bring a map with you on the trail.
- Let someone know where you will be hiking or biking and for how long.
- Stay on the trail.
- Take note of colored blazes along the trail.
- Observe closing time of sunset.
- **Caution:** Yellow-jackets nest underground and can be very aggressive from July to frost. Carry medication if allergic and stay on the trails.



RULES & REGULATIONS

Following the rules and applying common sense will help ensure a safe and pleasant visit for all and preserve this park for future generations.

- Keep the park clean by placing waste in the proper receptacles
- Mountain Biking allowed only on designated trails
- Park only in designated areas
- Fires allowed in park grills only
- Fishing license required to fish
- No wading or swimming
- No motorized vehicles allowed off road
- No disturbance or removal of plant or animal life
- All dogs must be on a leash
- Camping and hunting prohibited
- Alcohol prohibited
- No metal detectors
- Hammock straps should be at least 1 in wide and trees used should be at least 1 ft in diameter

PARK PHONE: 540-786-8989

In the event of an emergency, park staff can call 911. First Aid Kit available at boat concession.

CONCESSION

Fishing and jon boat/canoe rentals available for fee (brochure on rates and lake map available).

HOURS OF OPERATION

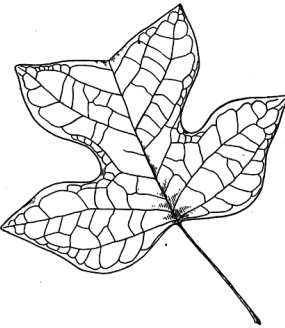
April 1—Oct. 31 7am-7pm
Open Thursday—Monday
Nov. 1—March 31 Closed

NATURE CENTER

Open Sat/Sun, 12-5pm, April 1—Oct. 31
Interested in Volunteering? 372-1086 x218

For more information, contact the City of Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation, & Events
408 Canal St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Hiking Trails

Hiking terrain includes gently rolling hills and at least one moderately steep hill per trail. Follow painted blazes (rectangles □) on trees. Spurs/shortcuts have white blazes. Double blaze indicates turn.

LAKEVIEW TRAIL

GREEN BLAZE—0.5 miles
Hiking time approx. 15 min.

LAUREL TRAIL

PURPLE BLAZE—0.4 miles
Hiking time approx. 10 min.

TURKEY RIDGE TRAIL

YELLOW BLAZE—0.8 mile loop
Hiking time approx. 20 min.

POSSUM PATH: 0.2 miles (**WHITE BLAZE**)

MINE RUN TRAIL

RED BLAZE—2.6 miles roundtrip
Hiking time approx. 1 hour.

HIDDEN CREEK TRAIL

BLUE BLAZE—1.5 mile loop
Hiking time approx. 45 min.

OLD SILO TRAIL: 0.2 miles (**WHITE BLAZE**)

SHORTCUT: 400 feet (**WHITE BLAZE**)

Biking Trails

Trails range from easy to more difficult and can be ridden by all skill levels and ages. All biking trails are multi-use (hiking & biking) except the 0.9 mile Old Towne Trail which is bike only. Look for trailhead posts to scan QR code for digital map.

SNUFFLEUPAGUS TRAIL

RED BLAZE—1.9 mile loop
Easy

RESERVOIR TRAIL

BLUE BLAZE—6.8 miles
Easy to More Difficult

DUFF GREEN TRAIL

GREEN BLAZE—1.3 miles
Easy

OLDE TOWNE TRAIL

RED BLAZE—0.9 miles
*More Difficult *Bike only*

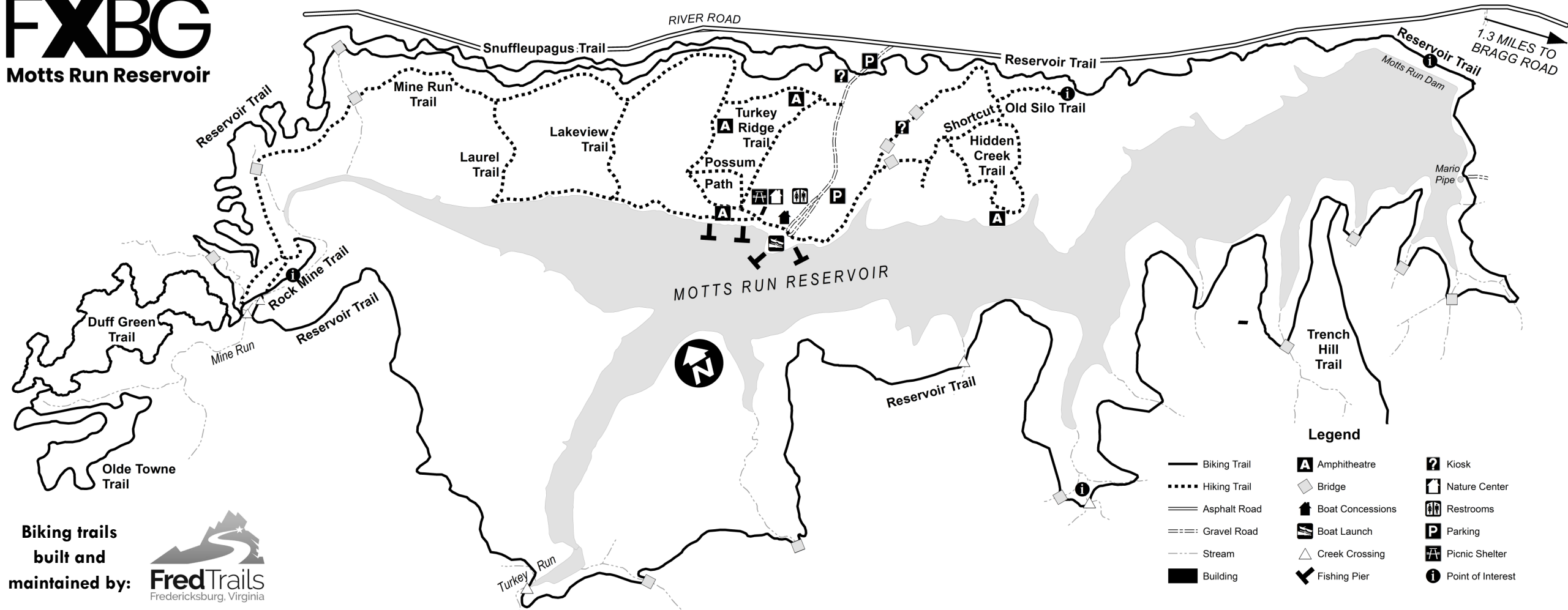
TRENCH HILL TRAIL

ORANGE BLAZE—0.4 miles
More Difficult

ROCK MINE TRAIL

PINK BLAZE—0.2 miles
Easy

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built and
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